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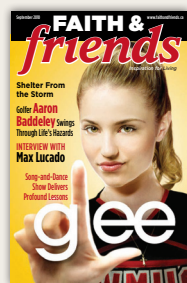
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How Much is a Life Worth?

Trying to measure a person's worth is not a new exercise. In 2008, *Time* magazine reported that a year of human life is worth \$50,000 based on the standard used by international insurance programs. Most of us would resist the idea of measuring the value of a human being with a dollar amount—surely life is beyond price. There is, however, a serious side to this question.

At the recent World Religions Summit in Winnipeg (see page 16), Lt-General The Honourable Roméo Dallaire addressed the faith leaders that had gathered in conjunction with the much anticipated G8/G20 meetings hosted by the Government of Canada. In his speech, the retired military general and now Canadian senator asked: Are some humans more valuable than others?

In 1994, the general and his small United Nations peacekeeping group watched helplessly as hundreds of thousands of men, women and children were slaughtered mercilessly in the Rwandan genocide. The numbers were overwhelming—800,000 lives lost in just over 100 days. Millions of others were maimed and displaced from their homes. All the while, the developed world sat idly by and

watched the massacre unfold or simply changed the TV channel.

The lessons are far-reaching. More than one billion people today live in abject poverty. The numbers are beyond comprehension, the issues are complex and the temptation is to adopt a fatalistic attitude. After all, what can one person do? That was the gist of the argument put forward by Bramwell Booth to his father, William, when confronted with the scores of homeless men sleeping rough under the stone bridges in the south of London, England. What followed is one of the Salvation Army Founder's most frequently quoted admonitions: "Do something! Bramwell, do something!"

Rather than throwing up our hands in despair, each of us can take steps now to positively impact the lives of others. Why? Because each person matters, whether they live in East Africa or the east end of Vancouver.

This theme is captured in Melissa Walter's article on three Army ministries to women on Canada's west coast (see pages 12-14). Lisa, who was addicted to drugs, testifies to the power of prayer and the strength she discovered at the Homestead. "We learn that everyone has equal value and to live with everyone's best interests at heart," she says.

What is the value of a human being? The psalmist cried out in amazement to God, "What are mere mortals that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?" (Psalm 8:4). The miracle of the gospel is that we are of inestimable worth to the One who created us. Our willingness to do something for others is proof we believe it.

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Ottawa's 125th Anniversary

ON JUNE 4-6, the air was filled with the sounds of celebration as The Salvation Army marked 125 years of ministry in the nation's capital. Commissioners William W. and Marilyn D. Francis, territorial leaders, led the celebrations at Ottawa Citadel and the Hampton Inn and Conference Centre, supported by Lt-Colonels Wayne and Myra Pritchett, divisional leaders, Ontario Central-East Division.

On Saturday, RCMP Superintendent Jean-Michel Blais, a Salvation Army advisory board member, facilitated a leadership development workshop. Captain Erika White, divisional children's ministries secretary, led the junior youth councils' day-long sessions of learning, fun and worship. Saturday afternoon also featured a seniors' rally and dinner with musical guests Ken and Ann Clarke from Cobourg Community Church, Ont.

In the Saturday evening music festival, Ottawa Mayor Larry O'Brien thanked The Salvation Army for its commitment to helping people in need for more than a century. The massed chorus, joined by Legacy Brass and the worship band from Smiths Falls Community Church, Ont., performed a powerful rendition of Chris Tomlin's *God of This City*. Her Honour Ruth Ann Onley, wife of Ontario Lieutenant-Governor David C. Onley, performed during the concert. Canterbury High School Chamber Chorus' presentation of *Elijah Rock* thrilled the audience.

In the concluding Sunday morning service, Commissioners Francis led worship, challenging Salvationists to not only reflect back on the Army's 125 years of service in Ottawa, but to look forward to what God has in store for the future.



Commissioners William W. and Marilyn D. Francis interact with the young people at Ottawa 125 celebrations

Tornado Elicits Compassionate Assistance

IN THE AFTERNOON of June 23, an F2 tornado ripped through Smith's Camp Trailer Park in Midland, Ont. The tornado not only plunged a town into darkness, but damaged 100 trailers and completely destroyed 40. Thankfully, no lives were lost.

After viewing the destruction, Major Neil Evenden, corps officer, Midland Community Church, quickly put The Salvation Army's emergency response plan into action. He summoned volunteers, called in the mobile canteen from nearby Parry Sound, Ont., and put resources from Toronto on stand-by.

Within 30 minutes, The Salvation Army set up a registration area at the town's community centre to care for those displaced by the tornado. Food, warmth and compassionate care were provided by members of the Army congregation. A tent was erected at the tornado site to feed and hydrate emergency workers. Thanks to many local partners, The Salvation Army was able to provide meals, snacks, water and coffee. Through its Midland family services office, the Army will continue to care for those displaced or affected, helping them to rebuild their lives.



In Midland, Ont., the tornado of June 23 damaged 100 trailers and destroyed 40

Serving the Overlooked



From left, Grunnada Gaigneur, store clerk; Mjr René Loveless; Kelly Roy, store manager; Cpt Stephanie Watkinson; Councillor Jim Brown; and Meaghan Knight, store clerk

THE CHEERFUL MUSIC of The Salvation Army Chatham-Kent Band drew a crowd to the front of the new Ridgetown, Ont., thrift store and community and family services building for the official opening ceremony on June 15. Captain Stephanie Watkinson, corps officer, welcomed the guests, including Councillor Jim Brown who brought greetings on behalf of the town. He expressed great delight that "the Army is still present in Ridgetown and ready to serve those who might otherwise be overlooked."

Captain Andrew Watkinson, corps officer, acknowledged the great support of the community and thanked those who helped make the project a reality. Major René Loveless, area commander, Lake Erie Region, Ontario Great Lakes Division, reminded the crowd that gratitude for this milestone in ministry must also be given to Jesus Christ. Following the cutting of the ribbon, the public entered the building for cake and refreshments. A large number of customers quickly rushed through the doors, eager to check out the new facility and its opening bargains.

We Are Neighbours

THE SALVATION ARMY'S immigrant and refugee services, Ontario Central-East Division, hosted their second annual We Are Neighbours community information fair for refugees and immigrants at their spacious facility in downtown Toronto. For the past 20 years, immigrant and refugee services, together with the Toronto District School Board, has sponsored English as a second language classes for adults. The TDSB instructors and their program manager, Andrea Mesa, supported and promoted the fair, greatly contributing to the record attendance.

"The fair connected 200 newcomers from our neighbourhood, most of them learners in the downtown English as a second language and language instruction for newcomers programs of the TDSB," says Florence Gruer, the Army's director of IRS.

"We have had the joy of welcoming some of our students and clients to ministry through The Salvation Army as volunteers and staff," adds Gruer.



People register for the Army's We Are Neighbours information fair in downtown Toronto

Food for Fines at Fort St. John



Employees and volunteers celebrate the local library's generosity

IN SUPPORT OF the Salvation Army food bank in Fort St. John, B.C., the local library collected food in place of the fines that people owed the library for overdue books. Each month, the food bank assists 200 adults and children. There are three main food drives during the year. The Huskies, the town's hockey team, brave the bitterly cold weather in December to go house-to-house collecting enough food to fill their large bus. They collected 20,000 pounds of food last year. The Safeway grocery store and the Bear/Energy FM radio station annually promote a "Christmas in July" event and kettle kick-off and the schools and local businesses also have food drives. "We are blessed with our community's support of our ministry to the needy," says Captain Isobel Lippers, corps officer.

Melfort Celebrates New Ministry Centre

MELFORT, SASK., DEDICATED ITS new ministry centre during celebrations on June 12-13 with Lt-Colonels Junior and Verna Hynes, then Prairie divisional leaders. The renovated building houses the corps, thrift store and family services. "It has been a long journey over the past three years, but the renovations to the facility are completed and we want to celebrate what God has done to bring us to this point," says Major Mike Hoeft, corps officer. "At the same time, we look forward to what he will do in the future."

During Saturday evening's banquet, Major Hoeft presented Lorne Tycke with an appreciation certificate for his work on the project. Tycke, a member of the corps, donated almost 200 hours as an electrician, saving the Army thousands of dollars.



Melfort worship team leads during weekend celebrations

Did you know ...

... in preparation for their 60th corps anniversary, Bayview, N.L., held 60/60 prayer with corps members going to the hall for prayer early in the morning for 60 straight days? Cpt Reid Colbourne, then corps officer, reports that a young girl and two women committed their lives to Christ. On the Saturday of the anniversary weekend, there were 35 vehicles in a parade from Twillingate N.L., to Bayview (Bayview had been an outpost of Twillingate). "What a privilege it was to stand in a truck and wave to people on the roads and to see their homes decorated in red, yellow and blue!" says Cpt Colbourne

... the Army's National Recycling Operations raised \$58,689 across the country for its Kids to Camp program, helping to send 267 less privileged children to Salvation Army camps during the summer?

Block Party Brings People Together

THE SALVATION ARMY in Portage La Prairie, Man., hosted a neighbourhood block party with the assistance of a \$200 grant from the Portage La Prairie Revitalization Corporation. Lieutenants Jeff and Graciela Arkell, corps officers, went door-to-door informing neighbours about the party, which featured hot dogs, live entertainment and face painting and games for children. About 120 people from the immediate vicinity of the corps attended. "Being new to Portage La Prairie, it was a great opportunity to become more familiar

with the faces of our neighbourhood," says Lieutenant Jeff Arkell. "I think it is unfortunate that many people do not even know their neighbours. This was a chance to get to know people in the area a little better in a non-threatening atmosphere. People went away requesting that we do something like this again next year.

"We are trying to partner and network in our community," he explains. "The revitalization corporation also gave us a grant to continue our healthy cooking demonstrations that occur on food

bank days. We get between 20-25 people for worship on any given Sunday and struggle with local leadership, but we are hoping to develop that area. Though the corps' financial resources are very limited, there is great community support for our social programs. We are planning to develop a children's music ministry and this summer we worked with other smaller churches to put on a vacation Bible school program. Being few in numbers, partnering is how we sustain ministry."

Circle of Love in Northwest Territories

ON TUESDAY, MAY 18, an Aboriginal drummer performed a prayer and drum song as Commissioners William W. and Marilyn D. Francis, territorial leaders, and Majors Fred and Wendy Waters, divisional leaders, Alberta and Northern Territories Division, arrived in Yellowknife. On Wednesday, Commissioners Francis toured Salvation Army facilities, including Bailey House, thrift store, half-way house, family services, food bank, shelter and corps. Commissioners Francis spoke encouragingly to the residents involved in the Army's withdrawal management services, an addictions treatment program. "It was a touching moment when all the officers surrounded the residents in a circle of love and support, and the commissioners prayed for each one undergoing recovery," says Major Dale Sobool, corps officer.

In the evening, 50 people attended an appreciation dinner for Salvation Army supporters. Commissioner William Francis spoke of The Salvation Army's commitment to the people of the North, thanking all who partner with the Army in meeting people's needs in Yellowknife and the surrounding area. Before returning home on Thursday, Commissioners Francis and Majors Waters met with the Army's management team in Yellowknife for encouragement, fellowship and prayer.



Yellowknife Salvationists welcome Commissioners William W. and Marilyn D. Francis and Mjrs Fred and Wendy Waters



Participating in the opening of the autism centre are, from left, Lisa Schumph, program manager; Mjr Pat Phinney, DSPRD; Lt-Col Lee Graves, DC; Colonel Floyd Tidd, chief secretary; Deanna Finch-Smith, executive director; and John Demik, Demik Construction representative

Providing Out-of-the-Box Support Programs

"THE NEW AUTISM CENTRE in Hamilton, Ont., is an 'out-of-the-box' way of assisting adults with autism," says Lisa Schumph, program manager for The Salvation Army Lawson Ministries, which oversees the centre. The facility can serve up to 140 people, filling a niche since autistic adults lack access to structured activities and can be isolated from their communities. The centre can accommodate 35 people a day and includes a therapeutic sensory room to help members relax.

The \$2.5-million building will tailor services to the individual's goals, whether they are getting a job or learning to make decisions. Autistic adults must be referred to the centre by Contact Hamilton, a central access point for developmental services, and must have medically diagnosed autism. Once a referral is received, staff meet with the adults, go over their goals and set up an individual program. The centre operates a public café where its autistic members work. "Our goal is to get people with autism more involved in their communities," explains Schumph. "Many get very anxious in social situations."

The centre will also house Lawson Ministries' Ontario disability program employment support office, open since 2004. Last year, despite the tough economy, it helped 12 autistic adults find paid employment.

Three Cups of Tea

The greatest gift we can give to others is to love them for who they are

BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAM W. FRANCIS



Three Cups of Tea has been a bestseller since its release in 2007. The book chronicles how mountain climber and author Greg Mortenson, having been rescued by Himalayan villagers after failing to climb K2 mountain in Pakistan, worked to build schools that have since educated a generation. The government of Pakistan conferred on him the Sitara-e-Pakistan, the country's highest civilian award.

Through his struggle to understand and gain the trust of the people in this isolated area, Mortenson discovered a principle that changed his life forever. He learned that you cannot simply *do* something for others. He came to the startling conclusion that *tea* was the community's primary means of accomplishing any task. Mortenson learned this unexpected lesson from one of the village chiefs, who explained: "Here we drink three cups of tea to do business; the first you are a stranger, the second you become a friend, and the third, you join our family, and for our family we are prepared to do anything—even die."

With the help of generous financial supporters, Mortenson and his team have established over 80 schools in the rural areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Their success is so extraordinary that the book

is now required reading for military commanders, Pentagon officers in counter-insurgency training, and special forces deploying to Afghanistan. It is required reading, not because of the schools constructed, but because of the essential principles of relationship building and community.

Friendship is essential to building community

In reflecting on how these principles relate to the Church, and specifically to The Salvation Army, I suggest that we also require three cups of tea to build relationships and community.

First Cup of Tea

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me"

(Matthew 25:35-36).

It all begins by taking the first step, the first "cup of tea." In the words of Lt-Colonel Lyell Rader, who sagely advised this writer when I was a young Salvation Army lieutenant, "You must win a friend before you win a soul." Simple, yet profound. Strangers are all potential friends. Once we take the first "cup of tea" together, the foundation is laid for continued openness and receptivity, which naturally leads to the "second cup"—friendship.

Second Cup of Tea

"One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24).

Friendship is essential to building community. Everyone needs friends. A friend is someone with whom we can share the wonderful and meaningful experiences of life, as well as the sad and painful times. Jesus is our special friend and we would be lost without this intimate, life-sustaining bond. We also need friends for daily living. Friendship requires a give and take, and often means "letting others off the hook." Developing good friendships takes time. Taking an extended "second cup" of friendship reaps great benefits for all.

Third Cup of Tea

"God sets the lonely in families" (Psalm 68:6).

In all human experience, there is nothing quite like family. While family by blood is basic and important, our extended Church family—the family of God—is also essential for personal growth and community development. The third "cup of tea" brings healthy closeness and familiarity.

The crowded, noisy streets of a community are filled with those who feel isolated and lonely. The greatest gift we can give to others is acceptance, to love them for who they are—God's unique creation.

Three "cups of tea" should be savoured and enjoyed each day. Invite someone to have a cup with you today. It may turn into a life-changing experience for you and your new friend. ☺



Commissioner William W. Francis is the territorial commander of the Canada and Bermuda Territory.

Embracing Our Destiny

Salvationists experience powerful teaching and vibrant worship at the Atlantic Congress and Commissioning

BY JOHN McALISTER, SENIOR EDITOR



Photos: John McAlister

Lts Hye-Young Cho and Saeng-Yon Lee will return to Korea after having trained in Canada

GOD is not yet finished with The Salvation Army," challenged Lt-Colonel Alf Richardson, divisional commander, Newfoundland and Labrador Division, as he welcomed Salvationists to the Atlantic Congress and Commissioning weekend. "He is calling us to embrace our destiny."

Held in St. John's, N.L., the congress was hosted by the Newfoundland and Labrador, Maritime, and Bermuda Divisions with the theme Destiny. General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton, international leaders of The Salvation Army, gave leadership to the congress, supported by Commissioners

William W. and Marilyn D. Francis, territorial leaders.

Also in attendance were Canadian officers Commissioners Max and Lennie Feener, territorial leaders of the U.S.A. Southern Territory, Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan, international director for social justice, and Colonels Robert and Marguerite Ward, territorial leaders of the Pakistan Territory.

Our Hope for Tomorrow

Children and youth were the focus of the Friday night welcome meeting. Following a prelude by the Newfoundland Brass Divisional Youth Band, the General

and Commissioner Clifton, Commissioners Francis and Colonels Floyd and Tracey Tidd, chief secretary and territorial secretary for women's ministries, entered the congress hall individually, each leader accompanied by a junior soldier. Army youth waving flags lined the front of the stage.

Angela Pope, a young Salvationist from St. John's Temple, sang the *Ode to Newfoundland*, and then Captain Mark Hall, territorial youth secretary, prayed for the children and youth of the territory.

After Commissioner William Francis introduced the international leaders, Commissioner Helen Clifton spoke of

the effective witness of her grandson, Hudson, who after becoming a junior soldier immediately sought to have his friend from school enrolled as well. “May it always be so,” she challenged, “one generation growing the next.”

In addition to a massed children’s choir, young people participated in a timbrel brigade, dance troupe and dramatic presentation.

In his challenge to young and older Salvationists, General Clifton addressed the need for holy courage. As he illustrated the story of David trying on King Saul’s armour, the General invited Jaxon Mayo, aged 10, to join him on stage and then put his Army tunic on him. The General shared how, through the influence of courageous Salvationists, the Army keeps expanding into new areas around the world. “How do you get holy courage?” posed the General. “On your knees in prayer.”

When the General finished preaching, many Salvationists gathered around the congress mercy seat, which was designed in the shape of a cross. The service concluded with a tribute to youth workers.

Gathering Together

On Saturday morning, a Gathering of Women was held at St. John’s Temple, led by Commissioner Helen Clifton. The women were challenged to make a difference in their homes, churches and communities. A Men’s Celebration was held at St. John’s Citadel, under the leadership of Colonel Floyd Tidd, who encouraged those in attendance to be godly men.

Following the gatherings, the General and Commissioner Clifton, accompanied by Salvation Army representatives, attended a luncheon with the lieutenant-governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, The Honourable John C. Crosbie.

Later that afternoon, a Celebration



Mjr (Dr.) Dawn Howse is recognized for her years of service at Tshelanyemba Hospital in Zimbabwe; Sadie Butler for her faithful work in Trout River, N.L.

Carnival was held at Bowring Park. Jumping castles, face painting and refreshments were offered to community children. TransMission, musicians from the U.S.A. Southern Territory, led praise and worship from the bandstand.

Commissioning and Ordination

On Saturday evening, 19 cadets from the Prayer Warriors Session were commissioned and ordained by General Clifton. As he commissioned the cadets individually, the General read a Scripture verse specifically chosen for them by the CFOT staff. After the newly commissioned lieutenants sang *I’m in His Hands*, Commissioner Helen Clifton offered a prayer of dedication.

After the solemnity of the commissioning and ordination ceremony, it was thrilling to see the lieutenants re-enter the congress hall to the roar of the crowd. Commissioner William Francis presented the lieutenants with their first appoint-

ments as Salvation Army officers. The children of the lieutenants stepped forward with their parents, many of them offering the commissioner the traditional Army salute.

Speaking on behalf of his session-mates, Lieutenant David Bond thanked the CFOT staff and those who had supported the Prayer Warriors throughout their training. “We take heart that we do not do this alone,” he said.

After having trained in the Canada and Bermuda Territory, Lieutenants Hye-Young Cho and Saeng-Yon Lee will return to Korea for their first appointments. The territorial commander bestowed on them his blessing and encouragement as they journey home.

Following an invitation by Major Beverly Ivany, then secretary for candidates, a number of Salvationists came forward to signal their desire to become Salvation Army officers.



The Prayer Warriors Session

After a benediction by Commissioner Marilyn Francis, the St. John's Temple Band provided a postlude.

Later that evening, TransMission led a youth bash at St. John's Temple.

A Holy Life

The Sunday morning holiness meeting began with a prelude by the Corner Brook Temple Band. Other musical highlights included praise and worship sessions led first by the St. John's Temple worship team and then later by TransMission, and the singing of the Congress Chorus.

Commissioner William Francis presented two awards to Newfoundland Salvationists. Known affectionately as Mrs. Salvation Army, Sadie Butler from the Trout River Corps received the Certificate of Appreciation for her many years of invaluable service.

Major (Dr.) Dawn Howse, a Canadian officer and doctor, received the Certificate in Recognition of Exceptional Service, which is the highest award given in the Canada and Bermuda Territory. Major Howse spent more than two decades serving at Howard Hospital and Tshelanyemba Hospital in the Zimbabwe Territory.

CSM Edward Lewis from Cedar Hill Corps, Bermuda, offered his testimony. "I want to share how God has been faithful to me throughout my life," he said, as he outlined the many ways that God had redeemed him through the witness of his grandmother. "I want to leave my kids with the same destiny."

As he preached, General Clifton challenged delegates to question what a holy life looks like and to seek it with all their hearts. "Love one another as Jesus has loved you," he encouraged. "We are sanctified by his blood and filled with his love."

The General also celebrated the distinctiveness of the Army. He stressed the

importance of the holiness meeting, the Army uniform, the songbook and the mercy seat. "God raised us up to be like this," he said. "Our Lord stands waiting to enfold us in his love."

During the time of response and commitment that followed, Salvationists approached the mercy seat as they prayerfully sang *All There is of Me*.

A New Life

The salvation meeting featured musical contributions from the St. John's Citadel Band, the Congress Chorus, TransMission, the Trinity Bay South Corps worship team and a cadet quartet.

After the new lieutenants and cadets from the Ambassadors of Holiness Session entered the congress hall, Commissioner William Francis acknowledged the summer assignments of the second-year cadets. "Revival is in the air," he said. "God is going to do a new thing in Newfoundland and Labrador, Bermuda and the Maritimes."

"It is good to see the Army alive and well during these difficult times for the Church," said Commissioner Helen Clifton. "You are still thriving and witnessing. We thank God for the chance to be here. Please go on from strength to strength in these future days."

Accepted Candidate Lance Gillard of Kentville, N.S., spoke of being freed from the bondage of alcoholism. "God is so good," he said, "and can do so much if you let him."


Kay Bungay of LaScie, N.L., shared how God had supported her through difficult times. "He has always been there for me," she said, "and done wonderful things in my life."

Following their moving stories, General Clifton urged the corps officers in attendance to dedicate time in their future meetings for testimonies. "Let the people

speak," he said. "This is how God raised us up. There is nothing like a powerful personal testimony."

In his closing words, the General urged Salvationists to secure their eternal destiny. "God's Spirit has been touching, whispering, using the secret places of our hearts in this meeting," he said. "Will you give him your all?"

Then, as Salvationists moved to the mercy seat, the General was joined by other senior Army leaders as he prayed over those kneeling before God.

As the Atlantic Congress and Commissioning weekend came to a close, General Shaw Clifton proudly waved The Salvation Army flag as Salvationists from Canada and Bermuda sang the Founder's song, *O Boundless Salvation*. 

Atlantic Blessings

"I've been so blessed by the singing and worship," said Annette Frost, corps treasurer, Spryfield Community Church, Halifax. "I have so much to share and tell when I return home."

"It was great to come together and gather with other Salvationists," added Calvin Ming, bandmaster, North Street Citadel, Hamilton, Bermuda. "We heard the inspiring words of the General, the worship was meaningful and touching, and we experienced the touch of God's love. We've been challenged that there is more work to be done and people in need of salvation. We go forward in his strength."

"There was a great balance of contemporary and traditional worship," said Matthew Osmond, St. John's Citadel, N.L. "The youth bash was loud and fantastic. It was nice to see the youth so into the worship. We leave with a renewed spirit, a new image of the Army and the experience of hearing the General."



Children's mass choir performs at the Atlantic Congress



Youth timbrel brigade wearing congress-themed Destiny T-shirts

Heart to God, Hand to Woman

In Vancouver, three Salvation Army ministries offer women support and a chance for new beginnings

BY MELISSA WALTER, STAFF WRITER



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Overcoming Addictions

At the Vancouver Homestead, women begin new lives free from drugs and alcohol

IN SOME WAYS, the stories that emerge from the Vancouver Homestead are the same as one might hear from any addictions facility. One resident is clean for the first time in 30 years. Another returns to school and then to work. Others are reunited with family and children. But there's another part of these stories that

needs to be told, and that's what the Homestead is there to talk about—the experience of being a woman in addiction.

Unlike most Salvation Army addictions facilities, the Homestead is geared specifically to women. “Women come to treatment programs with different issues than we see in a lot of men,” explains Captain Jennifer Canning, executive director. A gender-specific program allows counsellors to target those issues. One of the biggest factors connected with women's substance abuse is their relationship with their children. “Many of the women we see have children who are in the care of someone else, or who are in the care of the Ministry of Child and Family Services,” adds Captain Canning. Often, residents are motivated to complete the

program in order to be reunited with children they've lost through drug or alcohol abuse.

Heather Guthrie, who graduated from the Homestead in 2003 and now works there as a counsellor and chaplain, has felt the pain of that separation. Her youngest child was in foster care when she entered the Homestead. "When my daughter visited sometimes she would cry," recalls Guthrie, "but I wouldn't try to fix her. I'd just say, yes, it hurts. When she left I'd break down with my peers. The women's biggest guilt is the harm they've caused their children, and yet, inside, many of them are little girls who were harmed themselves."

Sexual trauma is a major factor for the residents of the Homestead. "Nearly all of the women that we see have been sexually exploited at some point, many of them from a young age," says Captain Canning.

Monika Ulrich, program director, explains that "women who have trauma tend to use addiction to cope," and conversely, women in addiction are more vulnerable to sexual abuse. As a result, it's important that ending the reliance on drugs go hand-in-hand with addressing trauma.

The female-only community at the Homestead creates an atmosphere of empowerment and support for the residents. Lisa, who graduated from the Homestead's program and now lives in its second-stage housing, says that she became used to seeing women as rivals for men's attention. "I thought that being an object to a man was the important thing, but now I'm realizing that women are very powerful people," she says. "In community, we can all help each other and build on each other's strengths."

"I needed the support of other women," agrees Guthrie. "I needed people to tell me that the addict was not who I really was."

Because residents live together and witness each other's recoveries, they are able to build up a support network during their stays. "Women of all walks of life can identify on a very deep level when we have common threads of addiction," Guthrie says. As an example, Ulrich points to a 70-year-old from an affluent neighbourhood and another resident who came into the program off the streets. Despite their different backgrounds, they now live together at the Homestead.

This connection continues after residents graduate. Alumni will often come back and join programs, visit chapel or volunteer. Some, like Guthrie, go on to work there. "I get to give back to the women, to share the importance of supporting and loving each other," she says. "There's nothing better."

The second-stage housing, a separate part of the Homestead building, is another way to maintain a supportive connection. By giving residents independent apartments within a safe environment, this second stage allows them to live on their own without being thrown into an unstructured lifestyle too quickly. "When I find life too overwhelming," says Lisa, "I can come back, feel secure and get the counselling I need."

The Homestead is founded on the strong belief that everyone is equal in God's eyes. As a Salvation Army facility, the Homestead emphasizes the spiritual aspect of the journey to recovery. "These women come needing spiritual healing as much as they need physical and emotional healing," says Captain Canning. The centre holds mandatory devotions and chapel every week. "It teaches women to slow down, to focus on something greater than themselves."

Guthrie says that the Homestead helped foster her faith journey, which has been a source of support for her as she's created a new life without drugs. "Sometimes I don't know how I would have



Cpt Jennifer Canning, executive director, shares a laugh with Heather Guthrie, chaplain, and Lisa, a resident of the centre

gotten through had I not had some faith," she says. As a counsellor and chaplain, she now shares that faith with the Homestead's residents. She tells them about her own experience, that "God can take all the bad things that have happened in my life and make something wonderful and good out of them."

Lisa also found spiritual strength at the Homestead. One day after a group discussion about their mothers—a very difficult session for Lisa, whose mother had overdosed when she was young—she felt that the past traumas of her life were too strong to handle without the help of drugs. But then she started to pray. "In my weakest moment, I found the most strength in myself through prayer," she says.

Captain Canning feels that she, too, has grown spiritually from her time working at the Homestead. "There's so much stigma attached to addiction," she says, "but the closer you get with people who are walking the recovery journey, the more you realize that we all have common ground. At the end of the day, we all stand before God as equals."

It's a belief instilled in all the women at the Homestead. "We learn that everybody has equal value and to live with everybody's best interests at heart," Lisa says.

Gateway to Freedom

Deborah's Gate offers a new start for women who have been sexually trafficked

DEBORAH'S GATE, which opened in Vancouver last December, is the only Canadian safe house specifically operated for survivors of sexual trafficking, as far as its founders are aware. "Deborah's Gate exists for women who have the desire to escape trafficking and who need a safe place to stay," explains Delaine Milette, social justice co-ordinator, British Columbia Division. This safe house is a central component of the anti-human trafficking campaign in the division. "We can preach all we want, but without a secure place for women to come to, there is no escape for them."

Deborah's Gate is named after the biblical figure of Deborah (see Judges 4-5), a strong and just woman. "It's a Christ-centred community built on caring and sharing," says the supervisor of

the program. The 10-bed facility offers programming tailored to the needs of the women, including spiritual care, withdrawal management, ESL services, literacy and life-skill development, support groups, and access to trauma counselling, medical care, dental care, addiction services, pro bono legal services, translation, immigration and refugee services, and one-on-one meetings with the direct care workers. Women are recommended to the program through the RCMP, local police, NGOs and ministry units, but in the future, it's hoped that more women will hear about the house and seek it out. One of the biggest challenges is raising awareness about Deborah's Gate without compromising its security.

"These people are often afraid for their lives," says Major Winn Blackman, divisional secretary for women's ministries, British Columbia Division, and chair of the committee behind the creation of Deborah's Gate. "Our hearts just break for some of them." But since its inception, Deborah's Gate has seen progress. Some residents of the program have secured employment and Major Blackman hopes that others will graduate from the program and move into the community soon. Milette is also hopeful. "We've seen a tremendous amount of healing in people's lives here."

Safe Haven

At Kate Booth House, women and children find refuge from domestic violence

ON HER FIRST DAY as executive director of Kate Booth House, Major Marjory Peddle walked through the door of the facility and saw a small girl with a black eye standing in front of her. "My heart just went to my feet," she says.

Kate Booth House can be a difficult place to work. For 25 years, it has provided a safe place for women and children fleeing from domestic violence. The clients of the residence span all different backgrounds and nationalities, and Major Peddle says that as well as being physically injured, many of the women are embarrassed and ashamed, "consumed with thinking, 'I've actually left my husband.'"

When each client enters Kate Booth House, she's assigned to a day counsellor who works with her throughout her month-long stay. Priscilla Belonio, program director, says that, on a typical day at the centre, one woman might go to immigration services to apply for refugee status and another might go to court over

custody of her children. Others search for housing or funding through social services. "Some women find housing at Esther Place," says Belonio, "which is a set of four apartments that provide second-stage housing for families who have been through Kate Booth House. In the evenings, these women are invited back to Kate Booth House's programs, such as pampering nights, health lectures delivered by medical students and counselling on the cycle of abuse. The children at the house attend school every morning—a teacher is brought into the building—and group counselling in the afternoons."

In 2006, the facility moved to a new building with 25 beds, more than double the original number, as well as increased security and rooms for family activities, women's gatherings and prayer. Kate Booth House has also hired new staff, such as an outreach worker, a cook and a spiritual practitioner who speaks to the women about their faith.

The centre still deals with the same challenges, particularly balancing the needs of mothers and their children. Often, children are terrified of separation from their mothers. "Some will just sit in the corner and look at you, and scream if you come near them," Major Peddle says. The children's counsellors work to get children of all ages involved with activities they express interest in.

Just as on Major Peddle's first day, there are times at Kate Booth House when it's hard to keep going, but Major Peddle and Belonio are supported by their calling to this work. "It's my ministry," says Belonio, "encouraging the women and helping them to heal." ☺

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Booth University College's cyber-courses are the next best thing to being there

BY KEN RAMSTEAD, EDITOR, FAITH & FRIENDS AND FOI & VIE

Whether you're living across the street or across the ocean, distance education makes learning accessible to everyone, and Booth University College is leading the way," says Major Ian Swan, associate dean for extended learning at the Winnipeg campus.

Booth University College offers distance education because many Salvation Army territories desire accreditation for their officers and soldiers but do not have the institutions on the ground to accomplish this. "Booth has had a long history of providing what we now call correspondence courses in the Canada and Bermuda Territory," says Major Swan. "But our larger vision is to share our resources online with the worldwide Army community."

The move to distance education coincided with Booth's shift from a Bible college to a university college, which

enabled them to offer baccalaureate degrees in areas such as social work.

Booth's ultimate objective is to not simply deliver courses, certificates or degrees, explains Major Swan. "We want to work with other territories to build their capacities to deliver their own education programs." This is precisely what Booth has been doing since 2005 in South America West—Chile, Bolivia, Peru and Ecuador—where Booth assists with online courses and a post-commissioning program for officers.

Booth offers three course-delivery formats, depending on the computer technology available to the students.

• **Old-School.** "Think of the old correspondence format," explains Major Swan. Textbooks and reading packages are sent out and the students have access to a Salvation Army officer who speaks their language. As they work through the



Photo: Carson Samson

"We want to work with other territories to build their capacities to deliver their own education programs," says Mjr Ian Swan

material, they correspond by e-mail.

• **Intensive.** Textbooks are sent out four weeks in advance, then the students travel to a centralized location for a five-day course with their instructor, where they cover 15 weeks of material in 12-hour days. "That's why it's called intensive," smiles Major Swan. A major project or assignment is required to complete the course.

• **Virtuosity.** A third option, recently debuted in South America West, can be done entirely through the Booth University College website, where the course is a link away. This includes online sessions and same-time chats with other students.

"Of course, there are difficulties connecting with people in some countries from a technology standpoint," says Major Swan, "but getting students together from all over the world is the exciting part. Those conversations are enriching not only for the participants but the instructors as well. Standard course material is enriched by the cultural context and perspectives of people all over The Salvation Army world. Real people talking in real time.

"The only problem is trying to get everyone together for a yearbook photo!"

For more information on distance education, visit boothcollege.ca.

Flexibility in Ghana

"While I have a degree in English," says Captain Michael Eku, education officer at the training college in Ghana, "I find the biblical and theological courses offered by Booth University College provide new insights and up-to-date resources that I can share with our cadets and my fellow lecturers at the college."



Serving in Zambia

"My responsibilities keep me in the field for long stretches of time," says Lt-Colonel Rose Chilyabanama, in charge of community development and micro-credit projects in Zambia. "Keeping in touch with my instructors at Booth University College helps me better serve the people and the communities where I work."



Overcoming in the Congo

"Working in the Congo presents many challenges, not the least of which is travel across large distances without proper roads," states Major Anatole Massengo of Republic of Congo. "Occasionally, unstable political conditions make it impossible to attend schools and universities."

"Booth University College is helping both of us to continue our studies despite these problems," continues Major Massengo's colleague, Major Norbert Makala of Democratic Republic of Congo.



Peaceful Protest

Leaders from the world's main religions speak out at G8 meetings

BY MAJOR JIM CHAMP, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

international director for social justice, was one of several keynote speakers that included Lloyd Axworthy, President of the University of Winnipeg, and Lt-General The Honourable Roméo Dallaire.

Much debate and discussion followed the various presentations, not so much on what the key messages to the world leaders should be but how they should be worded. The issues were clear: extreme poverty, universal education, gender equality, child health, maternal health, HIV/AIDS and malaria, environmental sustainability and global partnerships. Eight challenges, eight countries, eight pledges. Pledges that were made by the same countries that gathered in Huntsville for their G8 Summit. Pledges that dated back to 2000 with a target of 2015 for completion.

More than one billion of the world's population lives in extreme poverty

The leaders of faith communities from around the world asked their political counterparts to fulfil the promises made 10 years ago. Much is at stake. More than one billion of the world's population lives in extreme poverty. Too many of the world's children lack access to a basic primary education. Millions die unnecessarily each year from malaria, HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis due to the lack of insect nets and proper medicines. Violent conflict claims tens of thousands of lives every year. The environment continues to deteriorate due to humankind's willful neglect.

Steven Fletcher, MP and Minister of State, received the statement from the religious leaders at the conclusion of the Winnipeg Summit in a ceremony that took little more than 10 minutes. "The world is counting on you. You promised and we are holding you to these promises," was the final message conveyed to world leaders. **S**

Major Jim Champ serves as the Army's ecumenical liaison officer and was present at the Winnipeg Summit. Read the full text of the religious leaders' statement at Salvationist.ca/2010/peaceful-protest.



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Above: Canadian religious leaders, including Dr. Karen Hamilton, general secretary, The Canadian Council of Churches, and Commissioner William W. Francis, territorial commander, meet with Steven Fletcher, MP and Minister of State; **Left:** Commissioner William Francis interacts with other religious leaders

Imagine having 10 minutes to speak to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, U.S. President Barack Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel, along with the other world leaders who make up the G8. What message would you seek to convey?

Leaders from the world's main religions met at the University of Winnipeg from June 21-23 to agree upon a statement to present to G8 leaders. Close to 150 delegates and observers from North America, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the

Pacific Region gathered just prior to the meetings of the G8 and G20 in Huntsville, Ont., and Toronto.

Christians, Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus, Shintos, Baha'is and representatives from other faith groups were part of the assembly. The Salvation Army was well represented with Commissioner William W. Francis, territorial commander, serving as co-chair of the Canadian delegation alongside Susan Tamas of the National Assembly of Baha'is. Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan, The Salvation Army's

Deliver Us From Evil

From September 24-26, support the territorial Weekend of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Trafficking

BY ROCHELLE McALISTER

Slavery still happens. Around the world—and even in Canada—women and children are coerced, manipulated, forced, bought and sold into the sex trade. Sexual trafficking is an international multi-billion dollar criminal enterprise that affects millions of people. As Christians, and especially as Salvationists, we can't ignore that sexual trafficking is happening. While people's bodies are being rented out for sexual exploitation, we must fight for justice and pray for redemption.

In 2006, the Canada and Bermuda Territory initiated a Weekend of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Trafficking that is now commemorated throughout The Salvation Army world on the last weekend of each September.

There are many ways to pray during the Weekend of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Trafficking:

- **Host a prayer time** during the Sunday morning meeting or focus the entire Sunday service around the theme of sexual trafficking. Last year in Charlottetown, P.E.I., each member of the congregation was given a prayer guide and committed to pray.
- **Dedicate a prayer meeting** or Bible study to focus on victims of sexual trafficking. At Montreal Citadel, everyone at the corps was handed a commitment card that challenged them to respond to sexual traf-

- ficking in a variety of ways.
- **Go on a prayer walk** in your neighbourhood. The Ontario Great Lakes Division hosted a prayer walk where Salvationists and friends met at key points in London, Ont., to intercede for victims of sexual trafficking by praying and lighting candles.
 - **Host an all-night of prayer** or an all-day of prayer. Metrotown Citadel, Burnaby, B.C., held a 24-hour prayer vigil during the weekend.
 - **Teach youth** about sexual

trafficking. Last fall, several youth councils used human trafficking as a prayer theme. At Beaver Creek Camp, Prairie Division, the youth councils was entitled FREE and a freedom walk enabled youth to learn about victims of sexual trafficking.


- **Host a workshop** to teach others about trafficking. In Toronto, the Army planned a workshop about sexual trafficking where a victim shared her story.

- **Pray for victims** of sex-

be “men of honour.”

- **Invite other churches**, organizations and individuals to join The Salvation Army in prayer. The corps in Williams Lake, B.C., sent weekend of prayer posters to the mayor and other churches, and posted them all over town to invite people to join in prayer. In Prince Rupert, B.C., the Army hosted an interdenominational women's day based around sexual trafficking.

On September 24-26, the General has asked that all Salvationists pray for the victims of sexual trafficking in Canada, Bermuda and around the world. Pray for women and children who are vulnerable to trafficking because of exploitation and abuse, poverty and addictions. Pray for victims who have already been trafficked and are living in fear and violence—that they will be free in every sense of the word. Pray for repentance and justice for the traffickers. Pray that governments and agencies will work to abolish human trafficking.

Resources and materials are available in several languages at www.salvationist.ca/trafficking. Hang the posters, distribute the prayer guides and read the fact sheets. Support freedom for the captives. Lord, deliver us from evil! 

Last year our territory focused on the expected increase of trafficking in Vancouver during the 2010 Olympics by posting billboard and transit ads denouncing trafficking. Partner churches worked together to ensure that prayer was happening 24 hours a day. Deborah's Gate, a safe house for trafficked victims, was opened early this year by the Army. During the Games, The Salvation Army also showed anti-trafficking television commercials and 8,000 anti-human trafficking postcards were handed out to tourists, athletes, police officers and volunteers.



Bermuda Division

The beauty of this island nation is matched only by the passionate spirit of Salvationists as they minister in Jesus' name



Mjrs Brenda and Shawn Critch

From the DC's Desk

For the past 115 years, The Salvation Army has been at work in this beautiful island country. As the oldest and most populous British overseas territory, Bermuda consists of 138 islands, with a total area of 53 square kilometres.

Don't let its limited geographic size give the impression of a limited Salvation Army. Not at all! The mission of the Army continues to be supported with the dedication of Salvationists, employees and friends of the Army through a rich and vibrant congregational life and, looking past the pink sand beaches and azure blue ocean waters, you will also see an Army at work partnering with government and other agencies to meet the growing social needs of the country.

Brenda and I are pleased to introduce the Bermuda Division to Salvationists and friends throughout the territory. The Psalmist encourages us to "stand in awe, proclaiming the mighty acts of God, realizing all the amazing things he does" (Psalm 64:9 NLT). Celebrate with us the faithfulness of God as we give thanks for his continued blessings!

—Major Shawn Critch
Divisional Commander

Safe Harbour in Hamilton

For over 30 years, The Salvation Army has operated the Harbour Light in Hamilton to help men recover from substance abuse.

FAST FACTS:

- With a population of 66,700, Bermuda is the oldest British overseas territory. In 1995, 73 percent of Bermuda's voting population voted "no" to independence
 - Composed of 138 islands, Bermuda is three kilometres at its widest and 79 metres at its highest
 - "Onions" is an affectionate term for Bermudians and "longtails" for tourists
 - Bermuda receives about 135 cruise ships per year and has more golf courses per square kilometre than any other place in the world
 - There are four corps in Bermuda
- (after amalgamation four years ago), three community and family services units and a thrift store
- The Army's Harbour Light facility is the oldest and the only continuous treatment facility in Bermuda. The Army also provides transitional housing and casework through referrals from probation services and family court
 - An Emergency Housing Complex, owned by the government and operated by The Salvation Army, can accommodate 13 women and 40 men
 - The Army's homeless feeding program serves hot, nutritious meals daily and a street ministry mobile canteen delivers soup to the homeless

Spiritual enrichment is a crucial component at the Harbour Light, and includes daily devotions, Bible studies and one-on-one spiritual counselling.

Another important part of the spiritual care is connecting the men with a Salvation Army corps community. Staff openly encourage people to attend Salvation Army services as part of their treatment plan.

North Street Citadel is the "home

corps" for the men at the Harbour Light. "The men are completely involved at the corps," says Rosemary Phillips, chaplain at the Harbour Light. "An important part of recovery from addictions is reconnecting with the community, and when the men are welcomed at North Street Citadel, it is an important part of that."

During Sunday worship, the men mingle with other corps members and there is



Mjr Wayne Loveless, executive director of community services, sings at North Street Citadel with men from the Harbour Light



Volunteers hand out soup, hot drinks and sandwiches from the Army's feeding truck



Lionel Cann makes a "house call" on behalf of the Army

a real sense of acceptance. Harbour Light residents are also involved in men's ministry, Sunday school and summer open-air meetings in the park at Albuoy's Point.

Three times a year, the corps hosts a Harbour Light Sunday where the men testify, read Scripture, lead songs and minister in vocal and instrumental selections. And every third Sunday in the month, Harbour Light residents stay for a fellowship lunch and enjoy a musicale in which they often participate.

The men also help with special pro-

jects, such as cooking the annual New Year's Eve breakfast. Upon completion of the Harbour Light program, many men choose to live in the Army's transitional housing units and continue to worship at North Street Citadel, which is just around the corner.

Corps members help out at the Harbour Light by leading a Bible study every Wednesday, and the corps' worship leader, Andrea Cann, trains a Harbour Light praise team on Tuesday evenings.

Phillips is the first chaplain to have an

office at the Harbour Light, and provides spiritual leadership and a link to Salvation Army corps and other churches. "I like a challenge, and feel that God has given me an excellent fit. The guys accept me like a granny and are not afraid to give me hugs. It is awesome to see the spiritual awakening that takes place, slowly but surely, in the men who come through these doors."

Soup and Salvation on the Streets

Bermuda is one of the most affluent places on earth. Ranked first in the world by the World Bank for gross national income, the small island is an international business centre and hub for tourism. Yet there are still people who struggle with poverty. The cost of living is high, and house prices have skyrocketed in recent years. People living on the streets of Bermuda rely on God's grace and The Salvation Army's help for their daily bread.

The Salvation Army has operated a feeding truck in Bermuda for the past 12 years, and Lionel Cann has been leading this ministry since the beginning. "I enjoy meeting and talking with people on the street," he says. "It gives me an opportunity to hear what is important to them, what is troubling them and what is preventing them from being involved in the community."

The soup is picked up from the Harbour Light kitchen, and six nights a week volunteers arrive from various corps, churches and private companies to serve meals. The feeding truck also hosts students looking to complete community hours and parents who come with their children to show them the challenges some people face. The program has inspired many of the partner corps and churches to start feeding programs out of their own buildings.

Not all who come to eat at the truck are homeless, but all are looking for a connection and fellowship. Volunteers are taught that the mission of the program is to feed people emotionally, socially and spiritually as well as physically. "I tell them to think of it as a family meal, with everyone coming together to eat, but also having conversation and sharing about the good times and the bad times," says Cann.

A couple of years ago a young man moved back to Bermuda after living abroad. Cann and his team met him on the street and realized he had a job, but no place to stay. They befriended him and his girlfriend, who was also living on the streets. They helped the couple



North Street Citadel's summer park services attract many people from the community

find accommodation and found furniture for them. The woman was so proud of her home, but unfortunately died as a result of substance abuse.

"The young man and I are still friends," says Cann. "He is no longer homeless, but he still comes by the truck once a week to chat. We've been with him through the tough times, and that makes you close. This type of ministry is all about being committed for the long term."

North Street's Power in the Park

North Street Citadel is four years old, a relatively new corps that is a result of the

amalgamation of Hamilton Citadel and Newlands Corps. For months before the merger, The Salvation Army worked on the relationship between the two corps and their people. They used the motto "No one left behind" and, indeed, no one was forgotten on the road to this vibrant new corps.

"North Street Citadel is a traditional corps where we keep a focus on salvation, sanctification and holiness," says Major Alfred Wilson, corps officer. "North Street Citadel is known for its capable leadership, love of worship and ministering to the needs of people."

North Street Citadel is active in the community, with regular visits to the local hospital and a feeding program five days a week for the homeless. There is an emphasis on seniors with exercise classes, a drop-in program and relationship building. Women's ministry is also booming, and events can no longer be held at the corps building because there is not enough space for all the women who want to attend.

During the summer, North Street Citadel worships in the park on Sunday evenings with music, testimonies, children's stories and a dance team. "For non-churchgoers, this service is a chance to connect with God and get their 'hour of power,'" says Major Wilson. In preparation for this summer ministry, the corps trains its members on how to share the gospel without using Christian jargon. The corps also devotes time for fasting and prayer in anticipation of the summer outreach.

"We make sure that our summer park services are relevant to the community, and people drive from all over the island to attend," says Major Wilson. "There are incredible opportunities to minister in the days after we've been in the park. People come to us with their needs and we're able to offer counselling and material help."

Love is All at St. George's

As the first permanent settlement in Bermuda, St. George's is rich in history. "The community is who we are," says Captain Anthony LeDrew, corps officer. "If we didn't know the people around us, how would we know how to be a church?"



Above: Cpt Yvonne LeDrew with Tulin Fox;
Right: Cpt Anthony LeDrew and volunteer Carolyn Swan distribute bags of food for needy families




The corps is always reaching out. One day they came across a young Muslim woman named Tulin Fox who was interested in The Salvation Army and the love and kindness people had for each other there. She eventually became a Christian and a member of the St. George's Corps. "This church gets me through the week," she says. "It enables me to put things into perspective and look at the world differently."

Their family services motto is "Love is All," and everything from the food bank to the seniors' program is based around love and a desire to connect with people. Chat and Chew is a weekly program where people can come, sit and talk about their lives. There is always a devotional, but the main focus is on building relationships and showing a genuine interest in all who come through the doors.

Corps members feel connected to the family services and volunteer to run all of the programs. "At St. George's everyone understands the importance of being friendly and getting to know our neighbours," says Captain Yvonne LeDrew, corps officer. "Friendships have blossomed both internally and externally, between the volunteers and the people in our community."

St. George's understands the importance of reaching out to children. Women's ministries operates a feeding program once a month in the local school and the fees for the cooked lunch go back to the school for library books. The women also help with the school's breakfast and reading programs. The corps runs Prime Time, an after-school children's program with a focus on positive goals and practical principles, and Hands to Heaven, a mime group that performs at schools and shares the gospel message.

The corps also uses music as a connection point with the community. At their quarterly musicales, they invite school choirs or music groups from other churches to participate. In July, a community choir was started by the corps. The mayor has already said that he wants to use the choir at events, and the seven-member St. George's band is called upon whenever there is a community event.

"People in the community know that if something big is happening in St. George's, The Salvation Army will be there," says Captain Yvonne LeDrew. 

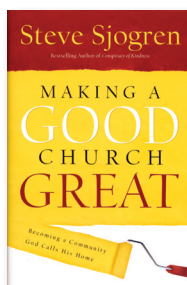
This concludes the series of divisional profiles. To read all of the profiles, visit Salvationist.ca/tag/divisional-spotlight.



Corpus Christi

Canadian Staff Band

This new album features a variety of items from the CSB's 2010 concert repertoire, including two new solos written for CSB soloists Major Kevin Metcalf (*Down by the Riverside*) and Craig Lewis (*Incarnation*). The recording also features three major works—*Festive Overture* (Dmitri Shostakovich, arr. William Gordon), James Curnow's *Variation on Terra Beata* and the title track, *Corpus Christi*, by Colonel Robert Redhead. Available for just \$20 from supplies and purchasing. For more information, sound clips and a complete track listing, visit www.canadianstaffband.ca.



Making a Good Church Great

Becoming a Community God Calls His Home by Steve Sjogren

Pastor Steve Sjogren launched the servant evangelism movement that fuelled the growth of his church in Cincinnati from a handful of people to 6,000 in 15 years. But along the way, Sjogren began to re-evaluate the assumption that a bigger church is necessarily a better church. He identifies 13 characteristics of a great church, including upward, outward, safe, fun, inclusive and generous, as well as practical steps to foster each of these qualities.

Prayer Priorities

Salvationists challenged to unite in prayer for the Canada and Bermuda Territory

BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAM W. FRANCIS, TERRITORIAL COMMANDER

For many of us, September is viewed as a new beginning. After a season of summer activities, we prepare to resume our regular schedules at work, school and church. Some of us may even commence new challenges and responsibilities. We come to this season with renewed energy to face whatever lies ahead, wherever God has placed us.

As a territory, we have recently experienced the power of unity of purpose as we prayed for our Atlantic Congress and Commissioning weekend in St. John's, N.L., which was a God-honouring event. We can truly say we experienced immeasurably more than all we asked or imagined. In this spirit of unity, I solicit your support for the following prayer topics.

General Shaw Clifton has issued a Call to Prayer for Peace. On September 19, he asks that the international Salvation Army

set aside time to pray for an end to violence and conflict in the world.

From September 24-26, I encourage you to support the Weekend of Prayer for Victims of Sex Trafficking (see page 17). Please use this weekend to raise awareness of this injustice.

I also invite you to pray for these plans and strategies for the Canada and Bermuda Territory:

- Sustainability of rural ministries
- Candidate cultivation program
- Integration of congregational, social and community services in our corps
- Focus on winning and discipling children as followers of Christ
- Development of a strategic plan for territorial headquarters for the next three to five years, including a long-term strategic financial plan


I commend and value the commitment

and faithfulness of every prayer partner, prayer group and individual who prays. I call upon every officer, senior soldier, junior soldier and adherent to ask God to teach us to pray for these plans and guide us to become effective in every Salvation Army centre across the territory. We have not yet experienced all God has in store.

May we allow words from God through the prophet Jeremiah to build our faith: "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know" (Jeremiah 33:3).

May the Lord bless you! 

The 2010 Prayer Guide is available online at salvationist.ca/action-support/prayer-guide or by e-mail by contacting Lt-Colonel Winsome Mason, territorial secretary for spiritual life development, at winsome_mason@can.salvationarmy.org.



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Where's Waldo?

Like the famous cartoon character, a good man (or woman) is hard to find

BY MAJOR FRED ASH

Waldo is different. And he's hard to find. Sometimes he's in a crowd at the beach. Sometimes he's in a crowd at the mall.

And sometimes he's hidden away in a little church amid a small group of believers. When that happens, he changes his name. In fact, he may become a completely different person. Instead of Waldo, it's Welma, George, Tim or Sadie.

Whatever their name or gender, they are different from everyone around them. They are exceptional people. They are the kind of people you like to seek out. They are the people you are glad to find. And they are happy to be found.

Happy is the church that has one or two of them.

They tend to be quiet, unassuming people who go about their work without fanfare. They are loyal, trustworthy and dedicated. If there's a floor to be swept, they don't feel it is beneath them to pick up a dustpan and a broom. If there's a Sunday school class that needs a teacher, they don't mind giving up an hour for the children and a couple more to prepare. If a door hinge needs oiling, they don't complain, but instead bring an oil can. And usually no one ever knows who fixed the problem.

But most of all, they like to encourage others, particularly their corps officers and pastors.

Over the more than 40 years that I have been a Salvation Army officer, God has placed a number of such

people in my life. In my first appointment there was Willis. He was a retired officer with a great sense of humour and a twinkle in his eye. As a 21-year-old lieutenant, I was glad for his words of encouragement. I had no car or driver's license so Willis drove me to the places too far to walk. I loved that old man. To show my appreciation I sometimes washed his car for him in his driveway.

Then there was Stan. My wife and I met him in our first corps after we were married. Stan had medical problems that prevented him from working full time, but at the corps he took on the responsibility of the young people's sergeant major. He loved kids and had a family with about a dozen of his own. The corps was on a small island, accessible only by fishing boat. In fact, we had to pick up our groceries by boat on another island. Stan became like a father to me, teaching me how to operate a 30-foot Newfoundland trap skiff and navigate it around rocks and shoals. He got many a laugh at my expense but never had a discouraging word, and his smile remains forever in my memory.

After that there was Sadie. Those who attended the Atlantic Congress and Commissioning weekend in St. John's, N.L., this year (see pages 9-11) will remember that a quiet, grey-haired woman was called to the platform by General Shaw Clifton

and Commissioner William W. Francis, territorial commander. Looking almost as young as she did 38 years ago when my wife and I first met her, she stood there at centre stage with three thousand pairs of eyes watching her. I walked to the front of the auditorium to get a picture. Instantly there were almost a dozen other officers doing the same thing. We'd all served in Sadie's corps in Trout River, N.L., at different times. We'd all been recipients of Sadie's grace. We'd all been encouraged, prayed for and uplifted by her. We'd all eaten at her table. She was the "instrument of God's peace" that St. Francis of Assisi wrote about. Hidden in the great cloud of witnesses, she had been found and recognized, and for a brief moment had been lauded, justly and deservedly.

I could go on to talk about others—Llewellyn, Marion, George, Aubrey—some who have gone to Heaven now, but others who continue their work unsung and unrecognized by all except those to whom they ministered in the spirit of Jesus.

I don't know if I'll ever find Waldo in those cartoon drawings, but I am grateful that I found Willis and Sadie and all those others along the way. God bless them every one. ☺

Major Fred Ash is the corps officer at Burlington Community Church, Ont.

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The Gospel of Vegetarianism

The Salvation Army's Founders encouraged Salvationists to avoid meat

BY LT-COLONEL MAXWELL RYAN

If the Booths had had their way, The Salvation Army would have been a vegetarian Movement. In the 19th century, the majority of Salvationists were former Methodists and many agreed with some form of vegetarianism, following the example of John Wesley.

The Mother of the Army, Catherine Booth, was more partial to vegetarianism than her husband. Early in their marriage she wrote to William, "Have you thought any more about vegetarianism? I am inclined towards it more than ever. I am convinced of the importance of simplicity and regularity in diet ... I don't think half as highly of meat (animal food I mean) as I used to do."

It appears that William was convinced, as noted by his response to a reporter in 1909. "How do you sustain such hard work, and particularly so much public speaking at night, at your advanced age?" he was asked, to which he replied, "I owe it to my careful vegetarian diet."

Their son, Bramwell, and his wife, Florence, were committed vegetarians. Their daughter, Catherine Booth (named after her grandmother), wrote: "Memory holds for me a gentle picture of Catherine as grandmother. I am nearly four years old. When she will not allow Uncle Herbert to give me a piece of meat I hear her speak distinctly. 'No, Herbert, she shall not have anything in this house that her mother would not wish her to have.'"

Even though he was interested in all aspects of Army activity, Bramwell considered officer training to be vital to the Movement's success. He therefore carefully watched over this training. Not even such mundane matters as the quality and variety of

diet escaped his attention. He insisted that a vegetarian "bill of fare" be provided for cadets who wished to avoid meat.

General Albert Orsborn writes in his autobiography, *The House of My Pilgrimage*, "When [General Bramwell Booth] was campaigning for a vegetarian diet, as he did occasionally, he depicted animals coming to us in the afterlife and saying, 'Moo! You ate me.' We youngsters loved it, but we still ate meat."

There were many references to vegetarianism in official Army publications, such as *Orders and Regulations for Soldiers*. In the 1925 edition we read a familiar refrain, "Food should be simple and nourishing in character. With brown bread and vegetables, milk, eggs and fruit, there is very little need for meat, and good, vigorous

health can be maintained without it."

In the 1920s and '30s, the Army was well in advance of much of society in realizing the beneficial effects of a sound diet.


The July 1925 edition of *The Staff Review* published an article by

Commissioner Adelaide Cox, leader of the Army's women's social work in the United Kingdom, on "Treatment of the victims of alcohol and drugs." In it she wrote, "The absence of meat has been proved to allay the craving for alcohol and drugs, and the appetite thus more easily created for milk and fruits provides a powerful antidote."

Diet-based treatment continued to be popular. In 1953, The Salvation Army took the unusual step of publishing a book by non-Salvationist authors: *We Are What We Eat*, an 85-page paperback subtitled "Good health for home." The authors, Drs. A. B. Cunning and F. R. Innes, worked with behaviourally difficult young people at The Haven, an Army children's home in London, England, which was run on vegetarian and healthy food principles. The book contains not only medical support for particular diets, but also recipes and detailed menus, all of which could be used with good effect more than half a century since their publication.

Even though The Salvation Army did not embrace vegetarianism (though individual Salvationists did), the Movement was a pioneer in the area of healthy eating. Given the recent rise in obesity rates and the related illnesses of diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure, perhaps Salvationists should revisit this early emphasis on diet.

In some social centres across the territory, the Army has made healthy eating a new priority—a far cry from the traditional coffee and donuts. And in many of our children's programs, fresh fruits and vegetables are now offered in lieu of chips and candy.

While it's unlikely that abstaining from meat will be added to our Soldier's Covenant, we may see more Salvationists choosing to adopt the dietary principles of the Army's early leaders. Our health may depend on it. 

A former editor-in-chief and literary secretary, Lt-Colonel Maxwell Ryan is retired in Burlington, Ont., where he serves as a part-time hospital chaplain and amateur Army historian.



ENROLMENT AND RECOGNITION

MISSISSAUGA, ONT.—Mississauga Temple Community Church celebrates one of the largest enrolments in the territory, with 12 junior soldiers, 20 senior soldiers and seven adherents. “New Spirit-filled life is happening here,” says Cpt David Allen, CO. “Included in this growth is servant ministry in such areas as youth and children, multicultural and Celebrate Recovery.” See Salvationist.ca/2010/mississauga-enrolment for further details.



ST. THOMAS, ONT.—New soldiers proudly display their covenants. From left, Aux-Cpt Dianne Elliott, CO; Don Rickwood; Carlo Bradt; Al Mintz, colour sergeant; John Kellestine; Aux-Cpt Bob Elliott, CO.



BRIDGEWATER, N.S.—New adherents Inez and Donnie Shupe are welcomed by Cpts Karen and Stephen Holland, COs.



SEAL COVE, N.L.—Seal Cove celebrates the enrolment of four junior soldiers. From left, JSS Valerie Bungay; Abbie Rose; Jayden Loveless; Brandon Forsey; McKinley Loveless; Cpts Rose and Edward Canning, COs.



PILLEY'S ISLAND, N.L.—Mjrs Darryl and Cathy Simms, corps officers in Gambo, N.L., were guests for the 119th corps anniversary celebrations at Pilley's Island. In the informal Saturday night praise and worship service, Mjr Cathy Simms related how Pilley's Island has impacted her life. While

visiting the community as a teenager with her parents, she gave her life to the Lord. It was also in Pilley's Island that she felt God's call to become a Salvation Army officer. In Sunday's services, the corps celebrated what God has done, is doing and will do in Pilley's Island. From left, Mjrs Darryl and Cathy Simms, Jeffrey Vincent, Stanford Colbourne and Cpt Brad Oxford, CO.



SWIFT CURRENT, SASK.—Cpts Michael and Susan Ramsay, COs, recently honoured two soldiers, Madeline Peters and Ora Janzen, each of whom has served for more than 40 years at Swift Current. They have faithfully attended Bible studies, taught Sunday school, participated on corps council and manned the Christmas kettles.



BELLEVILLE, ONT.—New senior and junior soldiers are a source of encouragement. Front row, from left, Emily Cross, Sophia Burriss, Naomi Burriss. Back row, from left, Mjr Bruce Shirran, CO; Bill Moore; Robert Bradley; Noah Cassibo; Robert Burriss; Nadine Burriss; Frank Bennett; Mjr Marilyn Shirran, CO.



NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.—The five new soldiers enrolled at New Westminster are actively involved in Bible studies, meal preparation for special events and leading worship. Front row, from left, Chuck Stewart, Suzanne Van't Haaff, Derek de Weerd, Dirk Neszo, Bill Main. Back row from left, Vladimir Chesnakov; Cpts Lisa and David Macpherson, COs.



ESTEVAN, SASK.—Estevan Corps enrolls eight senior soldiers. Front row, from left, Linda Robins, Shirley Dutchik, Gloria Leitch and Wendy Chouinard. Back row, from left, Mjr Len Millar, CO; Ian Kirkpatrick; Larry Banks; Bob Reynard; Mjr Rosslyn Millar, CO; Ronza Reynard.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Mountain Citadel enrolls new soldiers and adherents. Right: Mjrs Wycliff and Shirley Reid, COs, with Renee Hannam. Below: Sarah Jabeen, Daniel Parvez, Marilyn Crabb, John Crabb, adherents; Kathy and Bill Hewitt, senior soldiers.



NEW-WES-VALLEY, N.L.—Cpts David and Melanie Rideout, then corps officers at Lethbridge/Random Island, N.L., led the 116th corps anniversary celebrations at New-Wes-Valley. "We were uplifted by how the Holy Spirit used the weekend to encourage the congregation," says Cpt Ashley Bungay, then CO. "Sunday's services were well attended. In the evening meeting, four of our teenagers blessed us with a mime presentation to the song *I Can Only Imagine* by Mercy Me. The children's and youth ministries have been growing and 111 people attended a recent family service. The corps looks forward to reaching out to the community, depending on God to provide what they need."

Officer Retirements

Major Sylvia Burt was commissioned in 1975 as a member of the Soldiers of the Cross Session and was appointed to Monkstown, N.L. She subsequently served in various roles at divisional, territorial and international headquarters. In each appointment, Sylvia felt she was where the Lord wanted her to be, giving and doing her best so that his Kingdom would grow. During her 15 years at IHQ, she especially appreciated working in the Americas and Caribbean Zonal office and in the General's office, serving four Generals before returning to her home territory. On the eve of leaving for England, Sylvia was given a promise, "I will go before thee and make the crooked places straight"



(Isaiah 45:2 *KJV*). "Throwing off the blanket of security to go where God wanted me to go was one of the best steps I have taken," she says. Sylvia has proven God's faithfulness for every situation in life, and her desire is that God will continue to provide opportunities for ministry.

Majors Neil and Ruth Vermeulen retired on August 1 after 29 years of officership. Neil entered CFOT from Calgary's Glenmore Temple and was commissioned as a member of the God's Soldiers Session in 1981. His first appointment was to High River, Alta., and he served in the Alberta and Northern Territories Division for



29 years. Following commissioning in 1981, Ruth (nee Winsor) served at Chikankata Hospital in Zambia. After returning to Canada, she was appointed to Calgary Children's Village. Neil was then stationed at Edmonton Parkallen/West Edmonton. They married in 1987 and served at Edmonton Parkallen/West Edmonton, Drumheller, Alta., Dawson Creek, B.C., Calgary community and family services and Calgary Westmount/Kensington. Retiring from Peace River, Alta., the Vermeulens thank God for the many friends they made during active officership.

Man of Honour

The Prostitution Awareness and Action Foundation of Edmonton (PAAFE) annually recognizes 10 men with a Men of Honour award. It celebrates exceptional role models who encourage healthy relationships and respect for vulnerable children and adults. Mjr Roy Langer, divisional emergency and disaster services director for the Alta. and Northern Ttys Div, was one of the recipients of this award on April 16. "You would not know the time and care Roy shares with those who live their days on our streets," explains Dean McKellar, City of Edmonton community services. "Roy is the rock that many lean on, a humble man who is deeply

concerned for the well-being of others." On receiving his honour, Mjr Langer spoke of the grace of Jesus Christ in his own life that motivates him to serve people. He also serves as chaplain to the RCMP Leduc Detachment, Edmonton International Airport and the City of Edmonton.



Mike Boyd, Edmonton Police Chief, presents PAAFE award to Mjr Roy Langer

Salvationist Athlete Serving God



OTTAWA—Salvationist Drew Bursey, 16, placed seventh in a six-kilometre biathlon race organized by Biathlon Canada in Canmore, Alta. Bursey has brought many school friends to the teen Bible study group at Woodroffe Community Church, and occasionally helps his father, Allen, and grandparents, Mjrs Don and Lillian Bursey, with worship services at The Salvation Army Grace Manor in Ottawa.

Renovated Room Commemorates Salvationist Employee

A renovated and re-decorated room at The Salvation Army's Booth Residential Services in Saint John, N.B., will be renamed the Community Relations Room in tribute to Bob Dickison, a long-time Salvationist employee who died last December. Dickison was the community liaison person. "When he came to work, his heart and soul went into this place because he epitomized the mission of The Salvation Army," says Mjr Carson Durdle, former executive director. "It's rare to find someone like that."

"He touched many lives through the mental health court," says David Hood, residential co-ordinator. "He was the one who gave people a second chance." The Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 4780 commissioned an oil portrait of Dickison for the room.



Bob Dickison's family in the Community Relations Room at Booth Residential Services. Dickison's portrait hangs on the wall

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GAZETTE

Territorial Appointments

Cpt Sonia Albert, family services officer, community and family services, Montreal, Que. Div; Cpts Colin/Maureen Bain, Coventry Corps, UK with the Republic of Ireland Tty (special assignment); Mjr Daniel Dearing, Owen Sound, Ont. GL Div; Cpts Randy/Carolyn Hale, family services intake worker, Edmonton community and family services, and special assignment, Alta. and Northern Ttys Div; Mjrs Roy/Sandra Langer, Fort McMurray, Mjr Roy Langer continuing as divisional emergency and disaster services secretary, Alta. and Northern Ttys Div; Mjr Lorne Pritchett, re-activation of officership, consultant, THQ corps ministries; Mjr Barbara Pritchett, re-activation of officership pending an appointment; Mjr Susan McCann, special projects and chaplaincy, Montclair Residence, Montreal, THQ social services

Additional Responsibilities

Mjr William Barthau, assistant to the territorial social services secretary, THQ social services; Mjr Joanne Binner, territorial volunteer services secretary, THQ personnel; Mjr Verna Hynes, ter-

ritorial silver star secretary, THQ personnel; Cpt Virginia Kristensen, chaplain, correctional and justice services, Ottawa, Ont. CE Div; Mjr June Newbury, divisional community care ministries secretary, Ont. CE Div

Promotions to Major

Cpts Robin/Yvonne Borrows, Donald/Sandra Rowsell, Danielle Strickland

Long service—25 years

Mjrs Beverly Call, Grayling/Jacqueline Crites, Neil/Merrilee Evenden, Norm/Lois Garcia, Mildred Jennings, Gail Winsor

Long service—30 years

Mjrs William/Donna Barthau, Douglas Binner, Raymond/Caroline Braddock, Malcolm/Faith Cameron, Stanley/Judith Folkens, Richard/Judith Gilbert, Sharon Giles, Wendy Johnstone, Julie March, Larry/Velma Martin, Mona Moore, Judy Regamey, Jane Sheasby

Long service—35 years

Comr M. Christine MacMillan, Mjrs Jim/Barbara Champ, Ross Hailes, Sharon Stinka, Thomas Tuppenney

Long service—40 years

Mjr Robert Speakman

Long service—45 years

Comrs Max/Lennie Feener, Mjr Linda Bradbury

Promoted to Glory

Mjr Linda Calloway, from Gander, N.L., June 22

CALENDAR

Commissioners William and Marilyn Francis

Sep 1 National Music and Gospel Arts Camp mid-week concert, Jackson's Point, Ont.; Sep 4 National Music and Gospel Arts Camp final concert, Scarborough Citadel, Toronto; Sep 7-9 Ont. GL divisional review; Sep 18-19 welcome weekend, CFOT, Winnipeg; Sep 24-26 125th anniversary celebration, P. E. I., Maritime Div; Sep 30-Oct 1 National Advisory Board meeting, Toronto

Colonels Floyd and Tracey Tidd

Sep 6-10 IHQ orientation, London, England; Sep 17-18 Booth University College board of trustees meetings, Winnipeg*; Sep 18-19 welcome weekend, CFOT, Winnipeg; Sep 20 Ethics Centre board meeting, Winnipeg*; Sep 21, Prairie Div youth leaders meetings, Winnipeg; Sep 22-23 B.C. divisional review

*Colonel Floyd Tidd only

Accepted for Training



Keesom Phanthaamath, *Laotian Corps, Hamilton, Ontario Great Lakes Division*

I was born into a Buddhist family in Laos. After moving to Thailand and living in a refugee camp, my family was sponsored by a Christian family. We moved to Canada and eventually I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. At the age of

14, I began to turn away from God and became addicted to smoking, gambling and alcohol. I struggled with this lifestyle for over 14 years, experiencing stress, hopelessness and inner turmoil.

One day my family and I visited a pastor. In praying and humbling myself before God, I felt the power of the Holy Spirit. I asked Jesus Christ to forgive me and to become the King of my life. He cut the chains around my heart and transformed my life. I quit the habits that had enslaved me. Prayer is powerful! Growing in my walk with the Lord, I thank him for his grace, love and mercy.

Tina Phanthaamath, *Laotian Corps, Hamilton, Ontario Great Lakes Division*

Though from a Buddhist background, I married a devoted Christian man who led me to faith in Jesus Christ. Listening to a message from God's Word at church made me realize that I was a sinner who needed to be saved. After accepting Jesus Christ as my Saviour and realizing how great God really is, my passion for him grew and I am confident he will use me to glorify his name.



Dennis Maybury, *West End Community Church, Somerset, Bermuda Division*

I've been surrounded by Christian family and friends all my life. At summer camps I taught children how to swim, fish, make crafts and experience Jesus Christ. When I attended the Army eight years ago, I met friendly, compassionate and sincere soldiers and immediately felt at home. I've enjoyed leading the men's ministry and the soup run. Realizing two

years ago that I was dissatisfied with my job, I sought the Scriptures and God for direction. I sensed his call to full-time ministry and am constantly drawing closer to him.



Mary Maybury, *West End Community Church, Somerset, Bermuda Division*

When I was a child, my parents attended The Salvation Army and the Brethren Church. After marrying Dennis, we became Army soldiers. I participate in the worship team and puppet ministry and occasionally sing solos. When Dennis said he felt called to officership, I became apprehensive, concerned about moving to unfamiliar places, leaving family

and friends behind. Through my husband's reminding me of my love for God and people and my sensitivity toward the needy, I sensed that full-time ministry was also God's plan for my life. I give God all the praise for everything he has done for me.



Bethany Howard, *Chatham-Kent Ministries, Ontario Great Lakes Division*

As a Salvationist, I have had many opportunities to minister. My passion is to help those who are suffering, showing them the love of God. Over the last few years, I have felt God's call to not only serve him as a lay person, but as an officer. There have been many challenges, including being diagnosed with a cancerous tumour in my spine last year. Healed by

God through the hands of surgeons and six weeks of radiation, I saw how real God is. Experiencing his work through all of my struggles and joys has made me even more excited to serve him for the rest of my days.

TRIBUTE

GRAND BANK, N.L.—**Elsie Maude Bungay** was born in Sandyville, N.L., in 1927 and learned the meaning of responsibility, teamwork and hardiness at a very young age. She met Salvationist Ken Bungay of Seal Cove, N.L., who influenced her to become a Salvation Army soldier. They eventually married and during their 66 years together were blessed with nine children, 21 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Elsie consistently invested her life in the ministry of the Army and for 23 years served the wider community—municipally, provincially and federally—for which the Queen awarded her the Golden Jubilee Medal. Elsie will be remembered for her keen ability for strategic thinking, planning and organization, her compassion for all humanity and her dedication to God and his work.



ST. CATHARINES, ONT.—Born in Cowes, Isle of Wight, England, **Bruce Evan Holbrook** came to Woodstock, Ont., in 1948 and became an Army bandsman. He married Frances Phillips in 1960 and they settled in St. Catharines where he served as a bandsman, chairman of the building committee and corps sergeant major for 47 years. A gentle and caring man, Bruce was a devoted Salvationist. He is missed by wife, Frances; children Beverly, Phillip, Darlene (Steven), Bruce (Colleen); seven grandchildren; brother, Lt-Colonel Ken (Esther); and sister, Major Mavis (James) Reid.



EDMONTON—A lifelong Salvationist, **Harvey (Bud) Golem** was born in Scotsguard, Sask., and began attending Sunday school at the age of three when his family moved to Grand Prairie, Alta. At 16, he moved to Toronto and attended the Yorkville Corps. Bud served in the Armed Forces as a dispatch rider from 1942-45. After marrying Margaret, they moved to Edmonton, where he became a bandsman at Edmonton Temple. When he retired as an active band member, he faithfully served as band librarian for many years. Bud was a quiet and unassuming man, his life an example of Christian living and devoted service to God and the Army. He is survived by beloved wife, Margaret; daughter, Janet (Doug) Fenton; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and sister, Captain Mildred (Bill) Udell.



NAPANEE, ONT.—**Ralph Mellow** was born in Napanee, Ont., in 1923. Ralph and his now deceased wife, Mary Risk, shared their love for God and The Salvation Army in many practical ways, especially at Roblin Lake Camp, Ont. He was known for his faith in God and his volunteer work. Ralph is remembered by stepson, Michael; stepdaughters Peg, Carol and Fran; grandchildren; and special friend, Dorothy.



COTTLESVILLE, N.L.—**Selena Effie Anstey** was born in 1926 in Cottles Island, N.L. After marrying Max, they raised 11 children. She was fully dedicated to The Salvation Army, especially the home league. Selena loved her family and delighted in having her grandchildren visit. She is missed by husband, Max; children Maisie (Mark), Helen (Sam), Rex (Josie), Junior (Diane), Fred (Marion), Ted (Lisa), Sheila (Barry), Verna (Glen), Terry (Arlene), Nancy (Nick), Trevor (Peg); brothers Gordon (Gladys) and Wallace (Bernice); sister, Mabel King; 20 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and many friends.

LONDON, ONT.—**Rhoda May Hoe (nee Dumerton)** was born in 1932 in Watrous, Sask., to Salvation Army officers. She settled in London and was married to Edgar Hoe for almost 59 years. She enjoyed meeting new people, corps life and travelling. Rhoda is remembered by husband, Edgar; son, Charles; daughters Debra Freeman and Karen Bell; brother, Burton Dumerton; sister, Lois MacTavish; six grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; and extended family.

Salvationist tributes must be received within three months of the promotion to Glory and include: community where the individual resided; conversion; corps involvement; Christian ministry and surviving relatives. Photos must be 300 ppi. We reserve the right to edit submissions.

Raised UP

Young Salvationists converge on Stockholm for World Youth Convention

Vuvuzelas, voices and vibrant passion marked the opening ceremony of The Salvation Army's Raised Up World Youth Convention at the University of Stockholm, Sweden, on July 15, 2010. More than 1,000 delegates gathered near the exhibition tents to watch the raising of the Salvation Army, Swedish and Raised Up flags.

The Salvation Army's world leaders, General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton, World President of Women's Ministries, as well as Commissioners Barry and Sue Swanson, Chief of the Staff and World Secretary for Women's Ministries, and Commissioner Vic Poke, territorial commander, Sweden and Latvia Territory, were on hand to welcome the convention delegates.

"For 120 years Salvationists from this land have travelled to other lands with the gospel of Jesus, but today the world comes to Sweden," remarked the General. "God will use this event to transform the Salvation Army world for this generation."

After the flag-raising ceremony, the Chief of the Staff was part of a panel of Salvationists who participated in a press conference with representatives of the Swedish Christian media. The Chief noted that this was only the fourth international youth event in the 145-year history of The Salvation Army and that representatives from 94 of the 121 countries where The Salvation Army is operat-



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Creative arts groups put on a spectacular display

ing were taking part.

At the convention's opening meeting, the mercy seat was filled to overflowing as the General urged everyone to ensure that they had "clean hands and a pure heart" so they could "stand in the presence of God." Paradoxically, he also reminded the congregation that, for Salvationists, being spiritually clean involves getting their hands dirty as they help those in need: "May we never forget that we were raised up by God to go to the people who need us most."

Earlier in the meeting, convention organizer Colonel Birgitte Brekke welcomed delegates and connected via a live

Internet link with Captain Billy Francis, in Times Square, New York. Also featured were Salvation Army creative arts groups from around the world, including street dancers, choirs and a big band.

On the second day, Captain Matt Clifton led the delegates in a fervent prayer meeting. In their keynote sessions, Commissioners Barry and Sue Swanson encouraged young people to consider officership, and Major Sandra Ryan, of the Canada and Bermuda Territory, spoke on sin and its harmful consequences. Later, delegates broke into focus groups on worship, ministry, human trafficking, health, and the Army

and politics.

That evening, a question-and-answer time with General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton proved to be enlightening as they candidly answered questions about the Army's stance on the sacraments, women officers in leadership and what he would say to William Booth.

On Saturday morning, Commissioner Clifton spoke about The Salvation Army's involvement in rescuing people from human trafficking. The social justice theme continued as Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan, director, International Social Justice Commission, addressed the



Clockwise from top: Delegates kneel at a makeshift mercy seat; young people show their Army "colours;" scene from the musical *Brengle: My Life's Ambition*; General Clifton issues a challenge to have "clean hands and a pure heart;" African choir performs at Thursday's praise meeting


convention via DVD, highlighting the growing chasm between the rich and the poor.

"Our journey of faith needs to be disturbed by all these injustices in the world. If it isn't then our hearts are either numb or hardened and we need God to renew our sensitivity," the commissioner declared.

Convention delegates then headed off-campus to Kungsträdgården (The King's Garden), a beautiful park in the city area of Stockholm, for eight-and-a-half hours of praise and outreach. Another major event on Saturday was the staging at Stockholm Temple Corps of the musical *Brengle: My Life's Ambition*.

The Sunday morning holiness meeting, led by Commissioner Barry Swanson, included an excerpt from

a musical on the life of Commissioner Samuel Logan Brengle. The afternoon praise meeting was full of colourful singing and dancing as the African delegates took centre stage.

On Sunday night, more than 200 delegates knelt at the mercy seat in response to General Shaw Clifton's call concerning officership. The convention concluded with the retiring of the flags after a brilliant indoor finale featuring *Send the Fire* combined with *O Boundless Salvation*, a massed choir and African drums. 

From reports by Major Laurie Robertson. Video footage of the convention and other information can be found at raisedup.org. Read about the experiences of Canadian delegates at Salvationist.ca.



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